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### **DEQ listening and training session to be held in Shreveport**

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 6 are hosting free training sessions on grant writing and the air permitting process and a listening session where citizens can express their environmental concerns. The North Louisiana Environmental Justice Listening and Training Session will be held Thursday, Nov. 1, from 12- 6 p.m. at Louisiana Tech University, Technology Transfer Station, at 8028 Shrevepark Drive in Shreveport.

DEQ's Environmental Justice Program is geared toward addressing inequities in environmental burdens, such as impacts from facility operations that may unfairly affect neighborhoods. Participation in the decision making process and meaningful dialogue between stakeholders is an important component of environmental justice. This meeting is an attempt to increase dialogue between the department and those interested in environmental justice and to provide education on how the grant writing and air permitting processes work.

EPA will offer a two-hour training session on grant writing that will include work plans, helpful hints and common mistakes when applying for grants. DEQ and EPA will discuss their roles in air permitting in Louisiana so that the public can better understand the process. An EJ Listening Session will be conducted where individuals will be given the opportunity to comment on specific environmental issues in north Louisiana and offer their recommendations for solutions.

The public is encouraged to attend and there is no charge for registration. For more information, please call Tomeka Prioleau at 225-219-0877 or register on-line at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2601/Default.aspx>.